

COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2021
7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hampstead was held as a hybrid meeting on Go to Meeting and in person at the Hampstead Town Hall, 1034 South Carroll Street, on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Mayor Chris Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Painter, Mr. Renehan, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Unglesbee. Staff Members in attendance were: Town Manager Tammi Ledley, Assistant Zoning Administrator Jim Roark; Public Works Superintendent Kevin Hann and Police Chief David Snyder.

Guests present: Lou Konior, Diane Barrett, Barry and Tina Blevins, and F. Douglas Harrell.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to approve the Council Meeting minutes and Public Hearing minutes of December 8, 2020.** Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

REPORTS:

All reports were made.

Hampstead Police Chief David Snyder called up Corporal Jonathan Cranshaw. Chief Snyder gave a brief description of Corporal Jonathan Cranshaw's background. Mayor Nevin presented Corporal Cranshaw with the Officer Noah Leotta Memorial Award for his work in combating impaired driving. The award is named after Officer Leotta who was struck and killed by a drunk driver in December 2015. Officer Leotta had been working a special DUI assignment the night of the crash.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Nevin introduced the discussion of the vacant Planning and Zoning Commission seat. He recommended Lou Konior, a long-term resident of the Town of Hampstead.

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to appoint Lou Konior to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the current term ending June of 2024.** Mrs. Duff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Konior was sworn in.

Mayor Nevin introduced the **Approval of Audit Services Contract Extension – Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC.**

Mr. Renehan made a **motion to Approve the Audit Services Contract Extension – Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC**. Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin introduced the **Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Revision – Water Fund calling for the transfer of \$12,800.00 from Reserve to Water Operation Rental/Contractual Services**.

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to approve Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Revision – Water Fund calling for the transfer of \$12,800.00 from Reserve to Water Operation Rental/Contractual Services**. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call of five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin introduced the **Approval of Engineering Proposal for Corrective Action Plan to Address MDE Advisory Related to Wells #24 and #25**.

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to Approve the Engineering Proposal for Corrective Action Plan to Address MDE Advisory Related to Wells #24 and #25**. Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Nevin introduced the discussion on the **Adoption of Ordinance 538 – Uses in Restricted Industrial District**. Mayor Nevin referred to the ordinance section 135-134A subsection 6. He recommended adding to the end that solar panels should not exceed 10,000 sq.ft. and must be located behind the rear building line and screened by an earthen berm or fenced.

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to Amend Ordinance 538 – Uses in Restricted Industrial District adding to the end subsection 135-134A subsection 6 that solar farms should not exceed 10,000 sq. ft. and must be located behind the rear building line and screened by an earthen berm or**

fenced. Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to Amend Ordinance 538 – Uses in Restricted Industrial District changing the wording “solar farms” to “solar panels” in subsection 135-134.6.** Mrs. Duff seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to Amend Ordinance 538 – Uses in Restricted Industrial District section 135-138B adding solar panels to the list of exceptions.** Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to Amend Ordinance 538 – Uses in Restricted Industrial District section 135-135 adding Q. Solar Farms (except as permitted in 135-134).** Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mr. Thomas made **a motion to Amend Ordinance 538 – Uses in Restricted Industrial District adding ARTICLE 2. That Section 135-3 of the Code of the Town of Hampstead be amended to add the following definition in the appropriate alphabetical order. SOLAR FARM – An area of land on which a large number of ground-based solar panels are installed to generate electricity.** Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mrs. Painter made a motion to **Adopt Amended Ordinance 538 – Uses in Restricted Industrial District.** Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Doug Harrell, Hampstead resident, asked how North Carroll Highschool is zoned. Mayor Nevin replied that it is still zoned public conservation. He added that it is a total of 50 acres.

Mr. Unglesbee made **a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Mrs. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST

MAYOR